

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of June 12, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Donald Wallace, Selectmen Melvin Adams (absent), Michael Demasi, Kenneth Johnson, and Roger LeClair. Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, and Sally Davidson.

Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **May 22, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the minutes. One amendment, Item VI, a, Selectman Demasi voted in opposition, not Selectman Adams. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. **Warrant #24-06.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve Warrant #24-06 in the amount of \$60,916.13. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a. **Sally Davidson: Northfield Skateboard Park.** Ms. Davidson has an update regarding the recommended repairs at the skateboard park: (1) repair or replace railings: done; (2) make railings flush, done; (3) make screws flush, done, will be double-checked; (4) fix the gap on sheet metal, done; (5) replace plywood, almost done- replaced with metal, still requires some welding; and (6) realign ramps, done. There is some welding that needs to be done and some painting. There was some extensive work done on these items. As soon as the weather cooperates, the work will be completed as soon as possible. The next scheduled work weekend is in July.

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. **Feasibility Study for Northfield Emergency Services Facility.** Manager Allard is seeking approval to go ahead on this and have a feasibility study conducted. Previously, for two years, the Ambulance volunteers have refused payment for their time and would prefer to have that money put towards the new building. Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to spend \$4,100 to have Black River Design work on a feasibility study for planning purposes for the emergency services facilities. **Motion passed 4-0-0.** The Board did not choose to go out for bid on this study.
- b. **Status Reports: Various Projects:** none.

VI. **SELECTBOARD**

- a. **Capital Improvement Refunding Note (Memorial Park Pool): \$32,000 @ 4.15% interest.** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve the note and adopt the resolution. The payment is not completed; there is two more years on this. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b. **Executive Summary: Washington Electric Cooperative Town Highway Permit.** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the permit. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- c. **Executive Summary: Chandler/Thompson Driveway Permit.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the permit. Amendment by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, that this permit be amended to read that the brush be cut on both sides of the driveway *annually* to improve visibility. **Amendment passed 4-0-0. Motion passed 4-0-0, as amended.**

- d. **Executive Summary: Jenkinson Driveway Permit:** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Demasi, to approve the permit. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- e. **Executive Summary: Johnson Driveway Permit:** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the permit. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- f. **Merger Committee update.** Selectman Demasi provided a report. There is a set meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month. The committee has not "chosen" the 4 "public" members yet.
- g. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
 - 1. **Northfield Skateboard Park.** Once the park is brought up to code, will the responsibility be turned over to the Recreational Board? In order for this to happen, the Board would have to make an effort to include it into the budget. The other Selectmen would prefer to wait until the budget season.
 - 2. **Everett Greenslit v. Town of Northfield.** Before his passing, Mr. Greenslit filed a lawsuit against the Listers regarding the Grand List. A petition has been filed with the court to have Terri Gray replace the late Mr. Greenslit as the plaintiff.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: non-agenda items

- a. **Sally Davidson: Memorial Park.** Ms. Davidson stated that there are several concerns about the condition of Memorial Park (as opposed to just the Skateboard Park). Ms. Davidson would like to know if there is anything being done to address those complaints. At this point, if an issue is brought up, Superintendent Lyon has repairs done. There have been several recent articles in the *Northfield News* about the park's condition.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to adjourn. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.